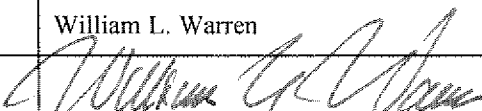


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/823,876
	Filing Date	April 14, 2004
	First Named Inventor	Bernhard Beer, et al.
	Group Art Unit	3679
	Examiner Name:	Michael P. Ferguson
	Attorney Docket Number	18584-0014

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request nonentry of such amendment(s).
- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on August 4, 2006
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees and any other fees due, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-5029. Enclosed is a duplicate copy of this sheet for fee processing.
- i. ☒ RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE. \$790.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17. \$120.00
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

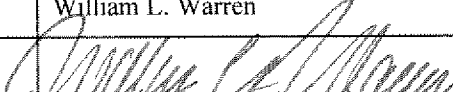
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